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4. Reception of VOA and BBC was much better when there was humidity
or when it was raining. [redacted] attempted to listen to VOA

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at 1515, 1900, and 2215 hours. During the day [] on 31 m.; in the evening, reception was best on 20 m. and 25 m. On the 41 m. band the reception was always very poor.

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6. Listeners to foreign broadcasts in the Soviet Union included many Party members. A number listened to these broadcasts and covered up their real interest by claiming complete opposition to them, but [] they listened because they were not completely loyal to the regime. In East Germany [] every officer who lived alone listened to foreign broadcasts, as well as many who lived with other officers whom they could trust. The broadcasts of Radio Liberation [] on the 45 m. band between 1500 and 1530 hours, were quite effective. The fact that emigres ran this station contributed to this effectiveness. [] When VOA and BBC used Russian emigre speakers, the same effect was achieved.

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